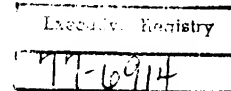


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Admiral Stansfield Turner
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Stan

I have a note in my correspondence file dated 10 March 1977, to write and say my congratulations on the confidence expressed in you by the President in nominating you to be the Director, Central Intelligence Agency and the Director of Central Intelligence--to say how pleased I was to see quick and unanimous confirmation of the President's nominee . . . and to say the best wishes of all the people in the Strategic Air Command along with our assurance of complete support in everything you will be doing in these important responsibilities. Today, however, I have an even more timely reason for writing-- I watched you on "Face the Nation" yesterday morning and thought you handled yourself and the difficult and probing questions with great dignity and skill! You made us proud!

We here at SAC Headquarters and in the Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff are high volume consumers of your products in your new capacity. You have a standing invitation to visit us at Offutt AFB at any time your duties will permit. We would be pleased to have an opportunity

to show you how we use the products of our national intelligence in the development of the National Strategic Target List. I think you would be interested in how we use the NSTL in constructing the Single Integrated Operational Plan as well as in more limited applications of nuclear planning. Also, we would like to have an opportunity to show you our command and control arrangements and how these are applied to the nuclear forces of the Strategic Air Command.

We can tailor a meaningful visit to any schedule and on any occasion. If it is possible for you to come our way and spend some time with us, my Vice Commander in Chief, Lt Gen James M. Keck, and the Vice Director, Joint Strategic Target Planning, Vice Admiral Frank D. McMullen and I would be pleased to have you visit us.

Congratulations and with best wishes in your important assignments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Russ Dougherty", written over the typed name.

RUSSELL E. DOUGHERTY
General, USAF
Commander in Chief